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Seventh session
New York, 28-31 May 1991
Item 3 of the provisional agenda*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Secretariat

1. By its resolution 44/222 of 22 December 1989, the General Assembly endorsed the report of the sixth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 1/ including the recommendations and decisions contained therein, and reiterated the continued validity of all the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, and the importance of technical cooperation among developing countries.

2. By its decision 38/441 of 19 December 1983, the General Assembly took note of the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on the work of its third session 2/ and thereby of the following arrangements for the fourth and subsequent sessions, as outlined in paragraph 81 of the report:

(a) The session will be scheduled for a duration of up to one week prior to the regular session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), on the understanding that, after translation of the draft report and any draft decisions, a further meeting of the Committee will then be scheduled during the following week to adopt the report. In conformity with the arrangements set out in paragraph 1 above, the general debate will be conducted in plenary meeting from 28 to 30 May 1991;

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(b) The first three days of the session will be devoted to a general debate. Based on the views and suggestions expressed during this debate, the Working Group will then meet, as of the third working day of the session, for a duration of two days, to elaborate draft decisions and recommendations. Thus, two simultaneous meetings are required for only one day during the Committee's session.

3. The annex to the present note contains a tentative programme of work for the session. The Committee may wish to decide that, once the speakers' list for the plenary meetings on 28 and 30 May is exhausted, and if sufficient meeting time remains, the Working Group would be convened immediately thereafter, thereby ensuring full utilization of the available conference services.

4. All meetings will be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In view of the limited time and services at the Committee's disposal, it will be important that all meetings start promptly at the scheduled time. In an effort to make the best use of all services, and in line with the practice of the General Assembly and other bodies, it is also suggested that for the current session the Committee waive the relevant part of rule 16 of its rules of procedure (TCDC/2/Rev.1), which stipulates that the President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one third of the States participating are present.

5. To plan for the efficient conduct of the three-day general debate on items 5 and 6 of the provisional agenda (TCDC/7/L.1), it is proposed that a list of speakers be opened at UNDP headquarters, Division of External Relations and Governing Council Secretariat (telephone No. 906-5746) on Monday, 6 May 1991, and closed at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 28 May 1991. Following past practice as endorsed by the General Assembly, statements in the general debate will be limited to no more than 15 minutes for representatives of States and 10 minutes for other participants. In order to save time, several States or groups of States sharing common positions may also wish to consider presenting joint statements. Delegations wishing to have their statements circulated to all participants are requested to provide 200 copies to the secretariat, which will arrange for their circulation in the language or languages received.

6. Rule 10 of the Committee's rules of procedure stipulates that its officers are the President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. The Working Group may wish to follow the practice of previous sessions whereby the Vice-President presiding over the Working Group would serve as its Chairman-cum-Rapporteur. Based on previous practice and taking into account General Assembly decision 33/417 of 14 December 1978 on the organization of the work of United Nations bodies, it is urged that the regional groups start consultations on the nomination of candidates to fill these elective posts well in advance of the session with a view to agreeing on a slate of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled, thus allowing all offices of the Committee to be elected by acclamation and dispensing with the requirement of a secret ballot.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/44/39).

2/ Ibid., Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/38/39).

ANNEX

Tentative schedule of work

	TUESDAY 28 May 1991		WEDNESDAY 29 May 1991		THURSDAY 30 May 1991		FRIDAY 31 May 1991		THURSDAY * 6 June 1991	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
PLENARY MEETINGS	Opening of the session (1) Organizational matters (2), (3) and (4) General debate and review of progress made in implementing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and decisions of the High-level Committee (5) Organizational and supportive arrangements for TCDC (6)	Items (5) and (6) continued	Items (5) and (6) continued	Items (5) and (6) continued	Items (5) and (6) continued					Adoption of the report of the Working Group (7) Provisional agenda for 1993 session of High-level Committee (8) Other matters (9) Adoption of the report of the High-level Committee(10)
WORKING GROUP					Election of Rapporteur; Organization of work; Review of progress made in implement-ing the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and decisions of the High-Level Committee (5)	Item (5) continued Organizational and support arrangements for TCDC (6)	Item (6) continued Draft decisions	Draft decisions		

* Note One meeting will be held during the week of 3 June 1991 to adopt the report of the Committee and finalize its work for the session.